GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2057
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
DISTURBANCE IN DD CHANNELS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned `DD ke teen channel teen ganta thapp raha, koi karyawahi nahi` appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated April 13, 2001;

(b) if so, the duration of the above disruption indicating the reasons therefor;

(c) the officers held responsible in this regard and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): There was a news item with the said caption in the Rashtriya Sahara newspaper of 13th May, 2001.

(b): Transmission of three Satellite TV channels of Doordarshan, viz. DD-Sports, DD- World, and DD-News, was disrupted for about 1 hour 35 minutes on 17th April, 2001 due to burning of a power supply change-over switch.

(c)&(d): Prasar Bharati has informed that since the disruption was not due to negligence by staff, no action against any staff member is envisaged. However, all the staff members have been instructed to be extra alert in future.